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SUBJECT: KING FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA VISITS RABAT

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1. KING FAISAL AND SUITE LEFT RABAT MORNING OF JUNE 8 FOR ROME AFTER TWO DAYS IN RABAT. ACCORDING TO SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS FAISAL'S TALKS WITH KING HASSAN DEALT WITH MIDDLE EAST, MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY, AND SAUDI- MOROCCAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. FAISAL TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISITS TO ROME JUNE 8-10 AND ALGERIA JUNE 10-12, ACCORDING PRESS, WHICH HAS ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE VISIT TUNISIA. PUBLICITY IN PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA WAS PARTICULARLY EFFUSIVE DURING FAISAL'S STAY FOCUSSED ON THEME THAT HASSAN AND FAISAL EQUALLY DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS OF ISLAMIC UNITY. IN SAME VEIN, DURING MEETING BETWEEN FAISAL AND MOROCCAN RELIGIOUS

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LEADERS, FAISAL AND LATTER BOTH RECALLED HASSAN' S SUPPORT OF FAISAL' S CALL FOR ISLAMIC SUMMIT WHICH HELD IN 1969 RABAT.

2. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED JUNE 8 AT VISIT' S CONCLUSION, MOROCCANS WELCOME SAUDI READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MOROCCAN DEVELOPMENT. VISIT SAID TO HAVE " STIMULATED EFFORTS TO UNIFY ARAB AND MUSLIM RANKS," AND FAISAL EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION OF SPANISH SAHARA WITH " COMPLETE FREEDOM OF INHABITANTS TO EXPRESS THEIR WILL AND DETERMINE THEIR FATE." TWO KINGS ALSO " NOTE WITH SATISFACTION DETENTE WHICH HAS BEGUN TO TAKE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE, AND POINT OUT THAT THIS DETENTE WILL NOT ACHIEVE ITS PLANNED HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVES AS LONG AS THE RIGHTS OF VARIOUS STATES AND PEOPLES OF GLOBE ARE NOT RESPECTED."

3. COMMENT: TONE OF COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS SUGGESTS THAT ISTIQLAL DAILY " L' OPINION" ON RIGHT TRACK IN REPORTING JUNE 7 THAT FAISAL' S VISIT PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ENLIST HASSAN' S SUPPORT FOR HOLDING NEW ISLAMIC SUMMIT. HASSAN ALREADY ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING PRINCIPLE OF WELL PREPARED SUMMIT (RABAT 1201). KNOWLEDGEABLE ARAB DIPLOMAT, HOWEVER, SAYS VISIT SOUGHT PRIMARILY BY HASSAN, WHO WANTED IT AS EVIDENCE SAUDI SUPPORT FOR ALAOUITE THRONE AND WANTED IT CONCERT WITH FAISAL OVER SOMMON STAND AT FORTHCOMING NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS.

4. COMMUNIQUE IMPLIES SAUDIS PREPARED SUPPORT MOROCCO' S EXPENSIVE FIVE YEAR PLAN, BUT THERE NO DETAILS AS TO NATURE AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. ARAB DIPLOMAT ALSO REPORTED THAT, DURING SPEECH TO ASSEMBLED HEADS OF ISLAMIC MISSIONS, FAISAL HAD CONCENTRATED ON IMPORTANCE OF QURAN AND ON ATHEISTIC NATURE COMMUNISM, WITH NO PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW ARABS TO GET OUT OF THEIR PRESENT MESS. IMPLICATION WAS SPEECH HAD NOT GONE OVER TOO WELL.
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